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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT (agenda item 6) (continued)

Draft list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the fourth periodic report of Mongolia (CCPR/C/103/Add.7; CCPR/C/68/Q/MNG/2)

1. Mr. YALDEN informed the Committee that Lord Colville, the Country Rapporteur, who was unfortunately prevented from attending the meeting, had requested him to propose a number of amendments in accordance with suggestions by members received too late for inclusion in the recommendations of the Working Group (CCPR/C/68/Q/MNG/2).

2. The CHAIRPERSON invited members to consider the draft list of issues question by question.

Questions 1 and 2

3. Questions 1 and 2 were adopted.

Question 3

4. Mr. YALDEN, on behalf of the Rapporteur, proposed the addition of a new question after question 3, reading: "What training in human rights protection is given to the judiciary and the legal profession, and to the police, prison officers and government officials? Do the curricula in schools and universities include education in human rights?" The new text was based on the paragraph at present appearing as the second paragraph 14, which should be deleted in consequence.

5. The CHAIRPERSON said that she saw no problem with the substance of the proposed new question but thought that it should appear towards the end of the list of issues, say, as the penultimate question.

6. It was so decided.

7. Paragraph 3 was adopted.

Question 4

8. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI suggested the deletion of the first sentence, which was subsumed by the question formulated in the second sentence.

9. It was so decided.

10. Mr. ZAKHIA proposed the addition of a reference to political life in what was now the first sentence.

11. The CHAIRPERSON said that the expression "public life" in the English text covered political life.

12. Question 4, as amended, was adopted.

Question 5

13. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI suggested that the word "no" between the words "there" and "civil" in the third line should be replaced by "any".

14. It was so decided.

15. Question 5, as amended, was adopted.

Question 6

16. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI queried the expression "martial law" in the first sentence.

17. Mr. KLEIN said that the expression was drawn from paragraph 21 of the report (CCPR/C/103/Add.7).

18. Mr. POCAR pointed out that the word "not" at the end of the penultimate line should be deleted.

19. Question 6, as amended, was adopted.

Questions 7 and 8

20. Questions 7 and 8 were adopted.

Question 9

21. Mr. YALDEN said that the Rapporteur had proposed the following additions to question 9: after "Criminal Code, art. 19", add "(prohibition of punishment of an inhuman, cruel or degrading nature"; after "Criminal Code, art. 193.2", add "(abuse of authority, para. 30 of the report)"; after "Inquiry Agencies" in the last line, add "(para. 31 of the report)".

22. Question 9, as amended, was adopted.

Question 10

23. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI proposed that the words "the length of time which elapses between detention and trial" in the third sentence should be replaced by "the length of pre-trial detention".

24. Question 10, as amended, was adopted.

Question 11

25. Question 11 was adopted.

Question 12

26. After a brief discussion on whether the reference to 1998 was correct, in which Mr. ANDO, Mr. KLEIN and Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI took part, Mr. YALDEN said he felt sure that Lord Colville would have no objection to asking the question orally.

27. Question 12 was deleted.

Question 13

28. Question 13 was adopted.

Question 14

29. Mr. POCAR proposed the deletion of the bracketed references to various paragraphs of article 14 of the Covenant.

30. Question 14, as amended, was adopted.

Questions 15 and 17 (16)

31. Questions 15 and 17 (16) were adopted.

Question 18 (17)

32. Mr. YALDEN, speaking on behalf of the Rapporteur, proposed the addition of the words "for the Kazak population" after the word "place" in the first line.

33. Question 18 (17), as amended, was adopted.

34. The CHAIRPERSON said that the text read out earlier by Mr. Yalden would appear as question 18.

Question 19

35. Mr. YALDEN said that, in view of the adoption of the new question 18, the second sentence should be deleted.

36. Question 19, as amended, was adopted.

37. The draft list of issues, as amended, was adopted.

38. Mr. AMOR took the Chair.

Draft list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the fourth and fifth periodic reports of the United Kingdom - dependent territories (CCPR/C/95/Add.10; CCPR/C/68/Q/UKCD/3)

39. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur), introducing the Working Group's recommendations, said that the use of the word "States" in connection with Jersey and Guernsey was apparently incorrect; the word should be replaced by "bailiwicks".

40. Pointing out that the list contained a number of identical questions addressed separately to each of the dependent territories, he wondered whether it might not be expedient to group such questions together under a general heading.

41. Ms. CHANET thought that, in view of Mr. Wieruszewski's explanation about the use of the phrase "States of ...", it might be best to refer simply to "Jersey" and "Guernsey".

42. Mr. KLEIN fully agreed that questions addressed to all three dependent territories should be grouped together under a general heading in order to expedite the work of the Committee.

43. The CHAIRPERSON requested Mr. Wieruszewski to amend the questions accordingly and invited the Committee to consider the draft list of issues question by question.

Jersey

Question 1

44. Question 1 was adopted.

Question 2

45. Mr. ZAKHIA, supported by Mr. ANDO, suggested that the question should be deleted from the written list of issues; it could be asked orally during the consideration of the report.

46. Ms. CHANET thought that the question was important because the European Convention and the Covenant were not directly applicable to Jersey.

47. Question 2 was adopted.

Questions 3 and 4

48. Questions 3 and 4 were adopted.

49. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur) said questions 1-4 were identical with questions 13-16 and 22-26 addressed to the other dependent territories of the United Kingdom and could be grouped together in accordance with the decision just taken by the Committee.

Question 5

50. Mr. ZAKHIA suggested that a reference to political life should be included in the request for information in the first sentence. In response to an explanation by Mr. Wieruszewski, he withdrew that suggestion and agreed to raise the issue in an oral question.

51. Question 5 was adopted.

Questions 6 and 7

52. Questions 6 and 7 were adopted.

Question 8

53. Mr. ZAKHIA remarked that the issue dealt with in the question, important as it undoubtedly was, seemed secondary by comparison with the issue of women's participation in political life which he had raised earlier. Could not question 8 be asked orally?

54. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur) wondered whether Mr. Zakhia's point might not be met by inserting the words "in public life" after the word "practice" in the first sentence of question 5.

55. It was so decided.

56. Question 8 was adopted.

Questions 9-12

57. Questions 9-12 were adopted.

58. Ms. Medina Quiroga resumed the Chair.

Guernsey

Questions 13-16

59. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur) noted that questions 13-16, which were of a general nature, had already been adopted as being applicable to all three territories.

Question 17

60. Question 17 was adopted.

Questions 18 and 19

61. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur) suggested that since paragraph 19 was the more important of the two, the order of the two questions should be switched.

62. It was so decided.

63. Questions 18 and 19 were adopted.

Questions 20 and 21

64. Questions 20 and 21 were adopted.

Isle of Man

65. Mr. WIERUSZEWSKI (Country Rapporteur) noted that questions 22-25 had already been adopted for inclusion in the general section of the list.

Questions 26-31

66. Questions 26-31 were adopted.

Question 32

67. Mr. KLEIN noted that question 32 was almost identical to question 9. He suggested that it should be incorporated in the general questions at the beginning of the list relating to all three territories.

68. It was so decided.

Question 33

69. Question 33 was adopted.

70. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN said he had been very displeased to find in his file documents relating to the Malvinas (Falklands), implying that the territory was considered as belonging to the United Kingdom. The problem of the Malvinas was a political one, with which the Committee should not concern itself. He could not accept the document and would request the secretariat to remove it from his file.

71. The draft list of issues, as amended, was adopted.

Draft list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the second periodic report of the Republic of the Congo (CCPR/C/63/Add.5; CCPR/C/68/Q/COG/3)

72. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) said the report had been prepared under a regime which had now fallen. It was somewhat formal, and said little about the political and social situation in the country, which was one of violence and excesses of all kinds. The period since the Congo's accession to independence had been marked by recurrent civil wars, and the main problems remained the pacification of the country as a whole and the stabilization of political life.

73. Although hundreds of questions relating to human rights violations could have been raised, he had limited the list to 40 questions on the issues he considered most important. He pointed out that the first line should be deleted.

74. Mr. KLEIN noted that once again the list followed the order of the articles of the Covenant, rather than the order of priority of the Committee's concerns.

75. The CHAIRPERSON said it was her understanding that the Working Group had had great difficulty in deciding what the priority issues should be, and had therefore followed the traditional order.

Questions 1 and 2

76. Questions 1 and 2 were adopted.

Question 3

77. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) noted that Mr. Ando had proposed the addition of the words "... and if so, why?" at the end of the second sentence.

78. Question 3, as amended, was adopted.

Question 4

79. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) drew attention to a discrepancy between the English and French versions of the text.

80. Mr. HENKIN said that the English text should be redrafted to make it clear that the training activities were aimed at making the various groups referred to familiar with the Covenant.

81. Question 4 was adopted on that understanding.

Questions 5 and 6

82. Mr. KLEIN suggested that the words "and especially about the enrolment of children in them" should be added at the end of the first sentence of question 5. The second sentence should be amended to read "What steps are taken by the State party to ensure compliance with the rights protected under the Covenant in this regard?"

83. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) thought it would be better to retain the second sentence as it stood. The problem of private militias was of fundamental importance in the Congo, and the Government did not seem to have any intention of abolishing them. Indeed, the President had a militia of his own.

84. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN shared Mr. Amor's concern. The private militias in the Congo were notorious, and their activities were widely reported in the press. The question should be reformulated to read: "What measures are being taken by the State party to put an end to all private militias?"

85. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur), referring to question 6, said he had suggested including a question on foreign armed intervention because such intervention had a destabilizing effect on States and often led to the prolongation of civil wars.

86. Mr. HENKIN said that while he sympathized with that view, he was not sure how question 6 related to human rights.

87. Mr. KLEIN proposed that the question should be deleted.

88. Mr. YALDEN supported that proposal. He did not think the Committee was entitled to ask the State party general questions of that kind.

89. Mr. SCHEININ suggested that questions 5 and 6 should be combined in a formulation reading "Please provide information on how the enjoyment of rights under the Covenant has been affected by the operation of private militias and by foreign armed intervention".

90. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) said he could accept that suggestion. The scope of the question might be further enlarged by rewording it to read "Please provide information about human rights violations committed by foreign armies in the Congo, particularly with respect to rapes and arbitrary executions. Have those responsible for such violations been punished?"

91. Ms. CHANET said she preferred Mr. Scheinin's formulation. She pointed out that question 6 related to the constitutional and legal framework within which the Covenant was implemented. In her view, it would weaken the text to include in it references to the various abuses that had occurred following the coup d'état. The proper place for such references was in question 8.

92. Questions 5 and 6, as amended by Mr. Scheinin were adopted.

Question 7

93. Mr. ZAKHIA did not think it was appropriate to mention acts of rape committed by the armed forces in the context of gender equality and non-discrimination.

94. Following a short exchange of views, the CHAIRPERSON noted that it was the view of the Committee that the issue of discrimination, the issue of violence, and the issue of promoting women's participation in political life should form the subject of separate sentences. The Country Rapporteur would reformulate question 7 accordingly.

95. Question 7 was adopted on that understanding.

Question 8

96. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) said Mr. Ando had proposed that the word "appropriate" should be deleted from the penultimate line.

97. Ms. CHANET proposed that the phrase "including the armed forces" in the second line should be amended to read "including national and foreign armed forces".

98. Those proposals were adopted.

99. Question 8, as amended, was adopted.

Questions 9-13

100. Questions 9-13 were adopted.

Question 14

101. Mr. ANDO, supported by Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur), proposed restoring, at the end of paragraph 14, the reference to the enrolment of children in private militias, which had been lost in the merging of paragraphs 5 and 6. It would read "Please provide information about the enrolment of children in private militias and the measures taken by the Government to eradicate it".

102. It was so decided.

103. Question 14, as amended, was adopted.

Question 15

104. Mr. AMOR (Country Rapporteur) said Mr. Klein had proposed adding to the heading a reference to article 8, which concerned slavery.

105. Question 15, as amended, was adopted.

106. The draft list of issues, as amended, was adopted.

Draft list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the third periodic report of Venezuela (CCPR/C/VEN/98/3; CCPR/C/68/Q/VEN/3)

107. Ms. EVATT explained that in the absence from the Working Group meeting of Ms. Gaitan de Pombo, the Country Rapporteur, she had volunteered to draft the list of issues and had been provided with invaluable information on the process of the constitutional change by secretariat staff. The report had apparently been drafted under the old Constitution, but a new and very different one could be in force when the Venezuelan report became due for consideration in March 2000.

108. The Venezuelan delegation was reportedly eager to keep the appointment, presumably because the President wished to apprise the Committee of the sweeping constitutional changes he was initiating. As a result, the drafting of the list of issues had been quite problematic. The list had two major aims: to inquire about the process of change and to pinpoint other issues that might pose continuing problems for the people of Venezuela. Apologizing for the deficiencies of the list, she thanked Mr. Solari Yrigoyen for his invaluable contribution and asked for further assistance from Committee members.

109. The CHAIRPERSON thanked Ms. Evatt and invited members to consider the draft list of issues question by question.

Question 1

110. Question 1 was adopted.

111. Mr. KLEIN proposed that the two issues dealt with should be consigned to separate paragraphs, in order to avoid belittling the importance the Committee attached to them, and particularly to judges' independence.

112. The CHAIRPERSON concurred. However, the link with the powers of the Constituent Assembly should be preserved in each sentence.

113. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN disagreed. The Constituent Assembly, currently engaged in rewriting the Constitution and having claimed full powers, had sown panic among the inhabitants, resulting in conflict with the judiciary, which feared that its role might be undermined. It would therefore be best to leave the question broad in order to give the Committee some leeway when it came to consider the country's fourth periodic report.

114. Ms. CHANET agreed with that view.

115. Question 2 was adopted.

Question 3

116. Mr. POCAR, supported by Mr. KLEIN, suggested that it would be more appropriate for the last sentence of question 4, concerning the status of the Covenant in general law, to be moved to question 3.

117. It was so decided.

118. Question 3, as amended, was adopted.

Question 4

119. After a brief exchange of views in which Ms. CHANET and Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN took part, the CHAIRPERSON announced that changes would be made in the translations of "measures" in the French and Spanish texts.

120. Question 4 was adopted on that understanding.

Question 5

121. The CHAIRPERSON proposed that question 5 should be placed at the end of the list of issues, as had been done in the case of lists for other countries.

122. It was so decided.

123. Question 5 was adopted on that understanding.

Question 6

124. Question 6 was adopted.

Question 7

125. The CHAIRPERSON and Ms. CHANET drew attention to changes that needed to be made in the French and Spanish texts.

126. Question 7 was adopted on that understanding.

Question 8

127. After a discussion in which Mr. POCAR, the CHAIRPERSON and Ms. CHANET took part, it was decided to reword the question to read "What is the jurisdiction of the Military Courts? Are they authorized to try civilians? And for what offences? What procedural guarantees apply?" That formulation would put four specific sub-questions and did not allow for misinterpretation.

128. Question 8, as amended, was adopted.

Questions 9-13

129. Questions 9-13 were adopted, on the understanding that the Spanish versions of questions 9 and 10 would be reworded.

Question 14

130. Mr. SCHEININ proposed that the word "prostitution" should be deleted because it should not be applied to children.

131. Question 14, as amended, was adopted.

Question 15

132. Question 15 was adopted.

Question 16

133. In response to a question by Ms. CHANET about the phrase "sexual conduct between consulting adults of the same sex", the CHAIRPERSON proposed that it should be replaced by "homosexual conduct".

134. It was so decided.

135. Mr. KLEIN, noting that no reference to such conduct had been made in the report, wondered whether it was a normal and obligatory question put to States parties, or whether it depended on indications that the phenomenon existed. If it had been put to other States, it would be judicious to use the same formulation.

136. The CHAIRPERSON said she would ensure that the wording was brought into line with the terminology employed on previous occasions.

137. Question 16, as amended, was adopted.

138. Mr. HENKIN said the question had been asked of many States parties. He would have expected that, in the interests of consistency, translation problems could have been ironed out through the preparation of a compendium of frequently-used terms, with which translators and others would be familiar.

139. The CHAIRPERSON said that an effort along those lines had been made, but had not proved successful.

Question 17

140. Ms. EVATT (Country Rapporteur) said that the text in square brackets had emanated from members' proposals, and she would willingly include it.

141. Mr. POCAR proposed that the first sentence referring to the self-determination of indigenous peoples should be deleted, in order to separate it from the issue of the rights of minorities. That would mean also deleting "and self-determination" and "and art. 1" in the heading, and replacing the heading with the phrase "Rights of persons belonging to minorities". Since the question had never been put so directly to any other State party, he considered it inappropriate that the Committee should put it to Venezuela.

142. Mr. YALDEN said that the Committee had indeed put the question to other States parties and that questions should be consistent in their content and vocabulary.

143. Ms. CHANET said she did not agree. His remarks would be appropriate for a concluding observation, but the Committee was currently engaged upon a draft list of issues. True, the question had been put to other countries, but that did not oblige the Committee to put it to all countries or to use the same wording.

144. Mr. YALDEN reiterated that the question should be put to all Latin American countries with a substantial indigenous population, including Venezuela.

145. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN supported the proposal made by Mr. Pocar. The question of indigenous rights was a complex one, as revealed by the fact that the solemn declaration on the subject that was to have been adopted in 1993, the International Year of Indigenous Peoples, had still not been finalized. Even the representatives of indigenous peoples had difficulty in determining the scope of self-determination for those peoples. The definition given in ILO Convention No. 169 was extremely narrow and, in any case, few countries had signed that Convention. The Committee would be going beyond its competence if it took up the issue. That did not mean, of course, that it was not concerned about indigenous rights.

146. Mr. SCHEININ said that in general he believed that the Committee had a responsibility to cover article 1 issues under the reporting procedure, because they were not addressed under the Optional Protocol. Article 1 did not have to be raised in relation to each and every country that had an indigenous population, however; the state of the national debate on

self-determination must be taken into account. He agreed with Mr. Pocar and Mr. Solari Yrigoyen that the issue did not have to be raised in connection with Venezuela.

147. The CHAIRPERSON said she took it that the Committee wished to delete the words "and self-determination" and "and art. 1" in the heading and to insert the words "persons belonging to" between "Rights of" and "minorities".

148. It was so decided.

149. Question 17, as amended, was adopted.

Question 18

150. Question 18 was adopted.

151. The draft list of issues, as amended, was adopted.

Draft list of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the second periodic report of Afghanistan (CCPR/C/57/Add.5; CCPR/C/68/Q/AFG/1)

152. Ms. CHANET said that with the help of the secretariat, she and Mr. Solari Yrigoyen had drafted the list of issues in English. There was as yet no French or Spanish version available. Materials used in the preparation of the list included the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and a report by Amnesty International on the situation of women in Afghanistan.

153. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN stated that Afghanistan was a party to the two Covenants, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

154. The CHAIRPERSON expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee for the work done by Ms. Chanet and Mr. Solari Yrigoyen in a very short period and with very limited resources. She invited the Committee to consider the draft list of issues question by question.

Question I (a)

155. Mr. POCAR said that the question referred to the exercise of rights guaranteed under article 2, among others, but that article spoke only of the remedies for violations of other rights. He suggested that the reference to article 2 should be deleted.

156. Question I (a), as amended, was adopted.

Question I (b)

157. Question I (b) was adopted.

Question I (c)

158. Mr. AMOR suggested that the question should be worded more broadly. Instead of "Is there a project to revise the Constitution...?", he would prefer a question about the legal basis for political activity in Afghanistan. The reason was his uncertainty that the current regime accepted the idea of a constitution as opposed to an instrument under Islamic law.

159. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN said that official statements by the State party that a constitution was being framed could be found in the report of the Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan, but there was no proof of those statements. The only law that prevailed today in Afghanistan was the law of force. Self-determination did not obtain, since the Taliban had never consulted the people on anything. They were occupying a part of the country through military force and were ruling by decree. There was no parliament.

160. Ms. CHANET said the list of issues for the initial report had referred to the Constitution. She suggested that instead of replacing the current text with the sentence proposed by Mr. Amor, his sentence should be added to the text.

161. It was so decided.

162. Question I (c), as amended, was adopted.

Questions I (d) and (e)

163. Questions I (d) and (e) were adopted.

Question I (f)

164. Mr. POCAR drew attention to an editorial correction.

165. Mr. KLEIN suggested the deletion of the phrase "in all or in part of the territory" because self-determination always applied to the entirety of a territory.

166. Those amendments were adopted.

167. Question I (f), as amended, was adopted.

Question II (a)

168. Question II (a) was adopted.

Question II (b)

169. Mr. SCHEININ drew attention to an editorial correction.

170. Question II (b), as amended, was adopted.

Question II (c)

171. Mr. POCAR said the first sentence was unnecessary and unduly general, especially in the light of the specific questions posed in the next few sentences. He proposed that the first sentence should be deleted.

172. Question II (c), as amended, was adopted.

Question II (d)

173. Question II (d) was adopted.

Question II (e)

174. Mr. YALDEN drew attention to an editorial correction to the second sentence.

175. Mr. ANDO said that the first sentence was superfluous, as the following sentences spelled out the information sought by the Committee. He suggested that it should be deleted.

176. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN said he would not oppose deletion if a majority of members were in favour, but he did not want the force of the question to be diluted. The existence of torture was substantiated by reliable information in the report of the Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan and constituted a national tragedy. In Afghanistan torture was not a crime, and it was actually practised in public.

177. Mr. POCAR said that he would prefer the first sentence to remain in the text. Asking whether torture was permitted might sound a bit naive, but it was important to use the word "torture". It would also be useful to know the specific offences for which it was permitted.

178. Ms. CHANET said that the problem was with the understanding of what constituted torture. In Afghanistan, amputation, stoning and flogging were used as punishments for certain offences, but the Committee considered them to be forms of torture. However, it also needed information on torture which was not practised as a permissible sanction.

179. Mr. ANDO proposed the replacement of the first sentence with the words "What measures are taken by the Government against alleged cases of torture?"

180. Mr. SOLARI YRIGOYEN said that it might sound naive to ask if torture was permitted, but it was equally naive to think a State like Afghanistan would explain what measures it was taking against torture, or against ill-treatment, to which women were subjected systematically. There were two kinds of torture, the legalized and public kind such as flagellation, held up as proof of divine justice on earth, and the kind that was practised in private - electric shock treatment, for example.

181. Mr. HENKIN said that no country was going to answer yes to the question whether torture was permitted. The challenge was to phrase the question in such a manner as to elicit the information the Committee sought. It needed to

cover the specific forms of torture used as legal sanctions and torture in general. Perhaps the phrase "and other forms of torture" could be inserted in the second sentence after the phrase "amputation, stoning and flogging".

182. The CHAIRPERSON suggested that Ms. Chanet and Mr. Solari Yrigoyen should redraft the first sentence on the basis of the discussion and that the second sentence should read: "For which offences may punishments such as amputation, stoning and flogging, all contrary to article 7, be imposed?"

183. It was so decided.

184. Question II (e), as amended, was adopted.

Question II (f)

185. Question II (f) was adopted.

Question III (a)

186. Mr. KLEIN proposed that the section heading should include references to article 8, which was mentioned at the end of question III (b), and article 26, because the section dealt with gender equality.

187. Mr. SCHEININ supported that proposal and suggested that since section III dealt with protection of the family and children, question IV (b), on the recruitment of minors into the armed forces, should be moved to that section.

188. It was so decided.

189. Question III (a) was adopted.

Question III (b)

190. Mr. KLEIN proposed that the final sentence of that long question should be made a separate question.

191. It was so decided.

192. Question III (b), as amended, was adopted.

Question III (c)

193. Ms. CHANET drew attention to an editorial correction.

194. Question III (c), as amended, was adopted.

Questions IV (a)-(c)

195. Questions IV (a)-(c) were adopted.

Question IV (d)

196. Mr. SCHEININ queried the phrase "other international humanitarian law".

197. The CHAIRPERSON suggested that the word "other" should be deleted.

198. Question IV (d), as amended, was adopted.

199. The draft list of issues, as amended, was adopted.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (agenda item 4) (continued)

200. The CHAIRPERSON, reminding Committee members that the year for consideration of subsequent reports needed to be announced in the Committee's concluding observations on countries' previous reports, said the Bureau had proposed 2002 for consideration of both those reports, while one member had proposed 2003 for the report on the HKSAR. She invited comments.

201. Mr. POCAR proposed that, in accordance with the decision taken at the sixty-sixth session that there should be a four-year interval between countries' reports, the Cameroonian and HKSAR reports should both be considered in 2003.

202. It was so decided.

203. Mr. HENKIN suggested that a reminder to a State party of the date scheduled for consideration of its next report should be accompanied by a reminder of the follow-up action required of it in the wake of its preceding report.

204. The CHAIRPERSON suggested that the Working Group should consider a member's proposal that the reminder should be accompanied by an explanation of the procedure. That had never been done but had been mentioned in the Bureau.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.